

# BRITONS GLAD GERMANS HAVE STARTED DRIVE

## Think Unrest in Central Empires Probably Hurred Hindenburg.

British and French officials are still jubilant over the fact that Germany has taken the offensive before the allies did. They explain it on two grounds. They say:

1—Either the German military leaders have determined that their machine can no longer be kept fit if it stands still, or

2—That economic and political conditions within the central empires demand an immediate victory or a compromise peace in which Germany would be forced to disgorge all her conquests.

State Department Silent.

At the State Department no opinion was ventured as to what conditions prompted the German offensive. Officials seem less and less inclined to put faith in reported schemes which Germany and Austria. Most officials believe that Germany attacked because she thinks she can win. Of this a British diplomat said yesterday:

"Of course, if they win through all their sacrifices of men will be justified from their point of view. But if they fail—and there is no sign now but that they have failed—they have lost a tremendous stake. They have shattered the efficiency of their machine more effectively than if they had let it stand still until we were ready to attack."

"There is no doubt of a food stringency in Germany. This is the hardest time of the year. The stored-up stocks are depleted and the spring crops are not yet available. Everything indicates that Germany found a bare cupboard in Ukraine and Russia."

Railway Strike in Austria.

"It must also be remembered that an Austrian railway strike is reported. That this may be the small outward sign of a widespread and grave internal condition seems to be borne out by the advertised beginnings of an Austrian offensive against Italy. Such an offensive is probably planned as much to keep Austria internally quiet as for any reason that may be hoped for against the shortened and thickened Italian line."

"Perhaps nothing hurried on the Germans so much as the evidence of the determination of the United States to get its forces to Europe. This determination's latest proof was in the requisitioning of the Dutch ships. The German general staff probably realized that the American additions to the allied forces were soon to come. It was but good tactics for them to attack before they arrived."

"If the British and French lines held, exacting their tribute of 100,000 Germans a day during this offensive, it means that the German line will be but that much easier for us when, with our forces with us, we make our own rush for the Rhine."

# NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTING WASTE

The collecting stage of the Neighborhood House and Colored Social Settlement waste saving campaign is now on. The auto trucks are proceeding through the city from house to house. Each truck is manned by a crew of men wearing badges and one bugler.

In order to facilitate the collecting and make sure that no bags are missed, the trucks will be abroad only during the morning and the early afternoon. It is requested of those who have household wastes should leave their bags with neighbor if they do not expect to be at home during that time.

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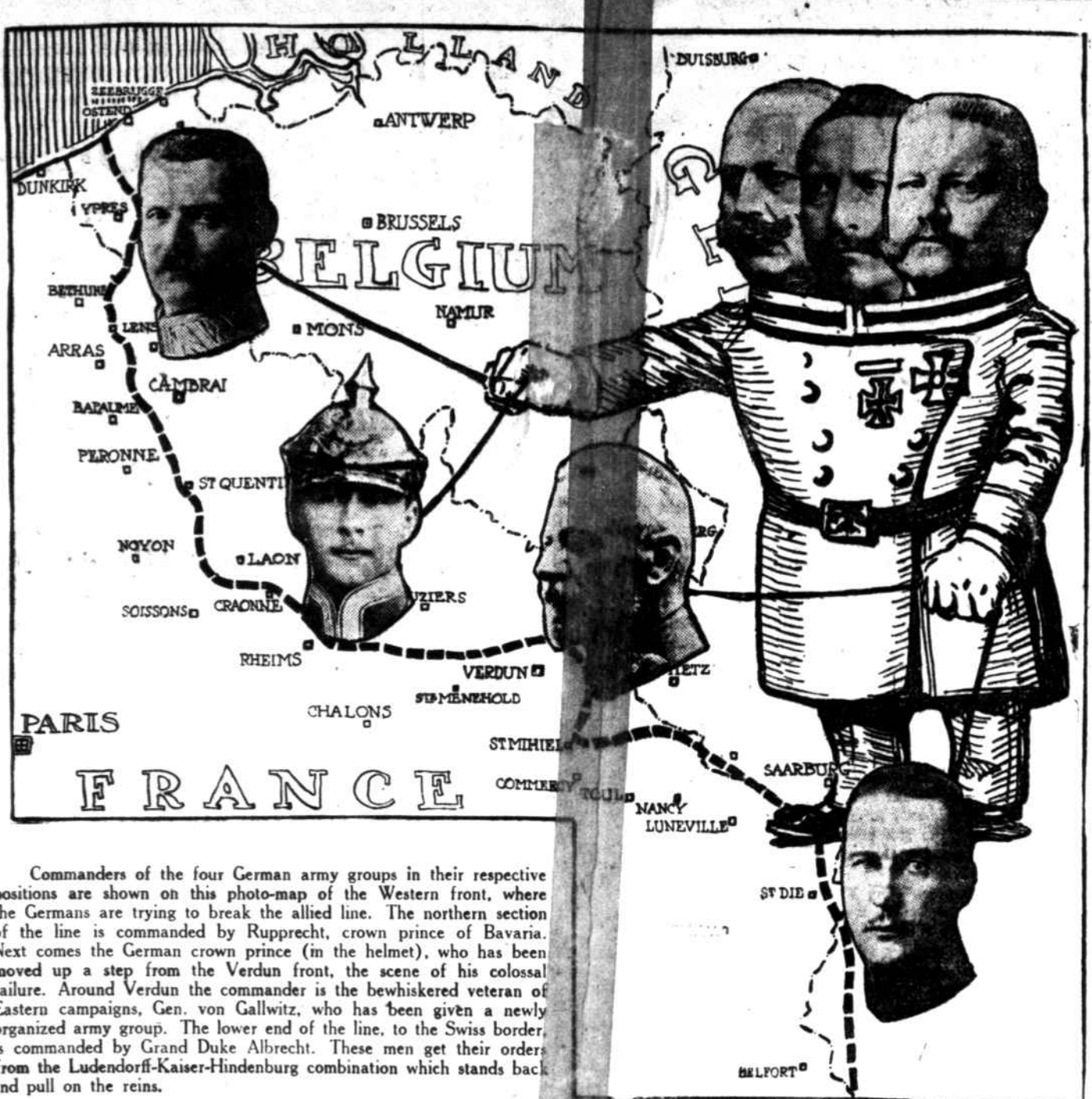
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# THE DRIVE AND THE DRIVERS!



Commanders of the four German army groups in their respective positions are shown on this photo-map of the Western front, where the Germans are trying to break the allied line. The northern section of the line is commanded by Rupprecht, crown prince of Bavaria. Next comes the German crown prince (in the helmet), who has been moved up a step from the Verdun front, the scene of his colossal failure. Around Verdun the commander is the bewhiskered veteran of Eastern campaigns, Gen. von Gallwitz, who has been given a newly organized army group. The lower end of the line, to the Swiss border, is commanded by Grand Duke Albrecht. These men get their orders from the Ludendorff-Kaiser-Hindenburg combination which stands back and pull on the reins.

# MANAGER ARRESTED ON THEFT CHARGE

Local Executive Alleged to Have Falsified Accounts of Company.

John G. Chestnut, 35 years old, 114 Wardman court, was arrested yesterday by Headquarters Detective Boyle, charged with embezzling \$10,000 from the Indiana Flooring Company, of New York City, by whom he is employed as district manager of the local branch.

According to Detective Boyle, Chestnut has been embezzling from the company for the past three years, by keeping the money that he had received as payment of a bill and would recharge the amount against another account that had previously been closed.

Chestnut has been employed as manager of the Washington branch for the past five years, with offices located at 201 B street northwest. An auditor from New York has been sent for and will go over the company's books.

# POSTOFFICE SELLS MANY WAR STAMPS

Total of \$30,743 Reported in Records for Past Week.

Sales of stamps at the Treasury War Savings booth and the city post office for the week ended March 23 show a steady increase, each day, over the sales for the week previous.

Assistant Postmaster Kerlin, in making his weekly report yesterday to Director Callahan, stated that the sales for the past week totaled \$30,743. This is a gain over the week previous of \$6,956.16, adding nearly \$7,000 more during the week toward the month's total.

"The sales are going splendidly," says Mr. Kerlin, "and next week we feel sure will prove an even greater one than the past. The postmen have found the true spirit in disposing of these securities and they need no urging to get them in the hands of the public. Once the man, woman or child understands what these stamps mean, not only to the government, but to themselves, the postman's task is easy. And the men have the argument and that is why they are selling the stamps."

The sales at the Treasury booth for the week ended March 23 totaled \$21,850.45, against \$17,151.52 for the week previous. This was a gain over the week of March 15 of \$2,708.12. Of one total amount sold for last week \$1,198.38 was purchased by employees of the Treasury Department and the remainder of the amount included sales to banks and other large agencies.

Easter Train Service—Atlantic City. Through train leaves Washington March 29 for the week ended March 23. Leaves Atlantic City April 1, 2:15 p. m. Ask Ticket Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad, for Special Easter Time Table.

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# GERMANS FIRE GAS OVER UNITED STATES SOLDIERS

Mustard Shells Break in American Sector with Troops Prepared for Onslaught Returning Attack from Batteries.

With the American Army in France, March 25.—The Germans during the night sent waves of "mustard" gas over the American positions. Six shells were hurled every minute. There also were various bursts of gun fire but the enemy accomplished nothing thereby.

The American batteries replied with an efficacious fire. Our patrols later reported certain portions of the German front line as well as of the enemy's support lines were absolutely obliterated. Direct hits were observed to have been made by certain American shells.

Proof that the enemy is using heavier metal against the American lines than he has been using is contained in the fact that out of nineteen periods of gun fire directed against a certain point there were only two from a Krupp three-inch field piece, seventeen being six inches or even bigger pieces.

American observers report greater activity behind the German lines than no motor vehicles, the enemy using only drawn conveyances and bicycle carts. Our batteries laid effective fire on the German roads and later enemy working parties were observed repairing and filling in shell holes.

# Summer Excursions To Pacific Coast Points

The Union Pacific system announces a new schedule of summer excursion rates to California, North Pacific Coast points and Western destinations. Tickets will be on sale from June 1 to September 30, inclusive, and will be good until October 31.

Stop-overs will be allowed within the time limits.

# Summer Hotel Rumor Denied.

In a letter from a classified advertising agency the United States Food Administration has been told that a rumor is circulating to the effect that summer hotels and boarding houses may be forced to remain closed this year on account of food shortage. The Food Administration announced today that there is no foundation for such reports.

# Down Hun Plane.

American saw a French aviator shoot down a German machine which toppled in flames just opposite our lines.

Before dawn today a German machine dropped a nine-inch high explosive shell inside the American lines.

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# U. S. DESTROYERS SAVE BRITISH SHIP

Attacking Submarine Is Probably Sunk by Depth Bombs.

An Atlantic Port, March 25.—The saving of a British ship by American destroyers and the probable destruction of an attacking German submarine was described by passengers upon the arrival of the vessel here. Early risers on March 14, saw a periscope about 1,000 yards off the starboard quarter. Simultaneously the convoying American destroyers were seen to start ahead at full speed. Presently tremendous explosions followed the dropping of depth bombs by the destroyers and the U-boat disappeared. It was believed she must have been destroyed by the heavy explosions.

The British ship landed 700 wounded Canadians, invalided home, at Halifax on her way here. Among her other passengers was Commander G. A. Blakely, U. S. N., who was mentioned for the distinguished service order last summer when his ship, the destroyer O'Brien, sunk a U-boat.

# Board of Trade Gains Thirteen New Members

Thirteen new members were admitted to the Board of Trade at a meeting of the executive committee yesterday noon in the Board of Trade quarters in the Star Building.

The newcomers to the rolls of membership are: Lee D. Latimer, William D. Sullivan, M. S. Kronheim, J. Q. A. Braden, Louis Hartig, Jr., L. B. Thigpen, George H. Townsend, David B. Bowen, Bates Warren, Robert S. Downes, S. William Miller, Eugene B. Evans, William J. McMahon.

# COUNTER DRIVE AWAITED HERE BY ALLIED MEN

Situation Serious, All Admit, but Predict Final Defeat of Germans.

"Have we begun to counter-attack?"

This was the question that every French, British and American officer asked yesterday in measuring the results of the German offensive. Confidence remains unshaken.

"There is no need for the American people to worry," said one cabinet officer after reading the afternoon reports.

"As long as the British navy and the American navy remain afloat, Germany is a beaten nation," said another.

There is no disposition to minimize the seriousness of the present stage of the battle. Every indication points to the assumption that fixed lines have been pretty well broken. But there is no indication that the Germans have broken clean through at any one point.

The great German success on the southern end of the line, where the Germans are reported battling desperately with French and British forces on the heights of the right bank of the Oise, west of Noyon, and more than twenty-five miles from the original line before La Fere is interpreted by French officials as meaning that the drive is meant to separate the British and French forces. The more remote object of such a drive is said to be the capture of Paris. Its ultimate purpose would be to drive such a wedge between the British and the French that the former could be rolled up to the channel ports and the latter eastward through the Champagne.

# Not Believed Equal to Task.

French and British officers here are confident that Germany has no forces at hand equal to such a task.

It is conceded that important English defensive works have fallen. Before the Peronne the British had established a marvelous bridgehead to prevent the crossing of the Somme. Latest indications show that it has been swept aside or abandoned.

No one will talk of the defensive or aggressive measures still available for the allies and for very obvious reasons. But a quiet air of assurance is far more evident, particularly in British and French quarters than was apparent Sunday.

French experts insist their estimate that ninety-seven divisions have been engaged is an accurate one. There are about 100 German divisions on the whole Western line. French officers say that the estimate of German casualties at 100,000 a day or 350,000 for the entire operations are conservative.

# Sacrifices in Vain.

"Unless the Germans break clean through," said a British officer here today, "these sacrifices will have been in vain. The British losses, we know, are far less than this."

There is a notable silence in all quarters as to the numbers of allied troops engaged. Denial of reports that American troops were

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